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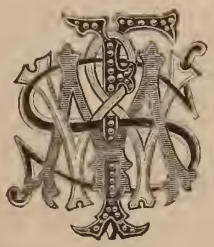

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AFRICA.

As the months roll around and the panorama of mission fields passes before us, the Dark Continent again rises into view. And what is there this year to write of Africa? Surely this, that at last the sunlight of life and hope is beginning to penetrate the gloom of her dense forests and fall upon the bosoms of her inland seas. The full noon may be far distant, but even upon Ethiopia is breaking the dawn of that day of which God declares, "As truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." Recent explorations have given to the world information of the greatest interest regarding the vast Central Lake region, with its thousands of square miles, fertile and rich in mineral and vegetable productions, and those "veins from the heart of Africa," the great rivers Nile, Zambesi, and Congo or Livingstone. The latter mighty stream "gives 110 miles below and 835 miles above the cataracts, of navigable waters, while large affluents north and south will supply 1200 miles more." The proposed Belgian scientific exploring expedition to be led by H. M. Stanley is looked forward to with expectation of valuable results. It proposes to plant a colony near Lake Tanganyika, and connect it with the eastern coast by establishing a series of stations. A line of telegraphic

communication is also projected, from the northern to the southern extremity of the continent. The route proposed is from the line now in operation in Egypt, to Mtesa's capital on the Victoria Nyanza, around the western shore of the lake to Ujiji on Lake Tanganyika, thence eastward to the coast opposite Zanzibar, continuing southwest to the Lake Nyassa, and then southward to Pretoria in the Transvaal. The whole distance will be 4000 miles.

The descriptions given by Cameron and Stanley of the tribes of the Central Lake region, their savage ferocity, debasing superstitions, the cruel wars in which they delight, cannibalism, slavery, and the long catalogue of vices and miseries, fill us with horror. Yet even among these barbarians were found some who possess bravery, hospitality, and other redeeming qualities; and who can hear without emotion the touching appeal of the powerful emperor Mtesa?—"I and my people sit in darkness, or as if born blind; all I ask is that we may be taught to see. We want the true Book, and then we will obey its words." (See Acts xxvi. 18.) Quickly following this appeal, transmitted by Stanley, came the gift, by a generous Englishman, of £5000 to the English Church Missionary Society, for the purpose of establishing a mission in Mtesa's kingdom, Uganda. In 1876, after an overland journey of 700 miles from Zanzibar, and amid peril, loss of life, and almost incredible toil, this mission was commenced on the Victoria Nyanza. In this connection we note the interesting discovery that the Swahili version of the Bible, translated by Bishop Steere of Zanzibar, is intelligible to some of the tribes of the Central Lake region. The bishop says: "We have had the happiness of putting a great many copies in circulation; Mtesa understands Swahili, and we have just been asked for copies of our translation to send up to him." Thus, in the providence of God, the "Book" is ready for the learner who so earnestly prays for it. But others besides Protestant Christians are anxious to supply Mtesa's wants. A party of eleven Roman Catholic missionaries are on their way, if they have not already arrived at his capital; and even the Moslems of Constantinople have been moved by his appeal to send missionaries of their faith to Uganda. The tares and the wheat will be sown side by side.

The same generous donor referred to above has offered £3000 to the American Missionary Association, wherewith to establish another mission in the region north and east of the field of the Church Missionary Society's operations. A third gift, of £5000, has enabled the London Missionary Society to commence work on Lake Tanganyika, 150 miles southwest of the Victoria Nyanza. This society sent out their expedition about two years ago, under Rev. Roger Price, a brother-in-law of Dr. Livingstone. They en-

countered almost insurmountable difficulties from the climate and the dreaded *tsetze* or deadly fly, and only last year reached their destination in Ujiji.

Still to the south and east, 200 miles, lies the beautiful Lake Nyassa, upon whose waters a missionary steamer is plying, owned by the Livingstonia Mission of the Free Church of Scotland, planted nearly four years ago. An interesting episode in the early experience of this expedition is thus related: "The steamer, taken out in sections, was put together at the mouth of the Zambesi river. After embarking they moved up the low and swampy region of the Zambesi and Shirè rivers." Lieutenant Young, the leader, asked the chief of the tribe for 800 natives to carry the steamer around the Murchison cataracts, and he sent *women* for this purpose. "Some of them came 50 miles, bringing their provisions with them. These women were entrusted with the whole, when if a single portion of the steamer had been lost the whole scheme would have failed. They carried it in two hundred and fifty loads, in five days, under a tropical sun, 75 miles to an elevation of 1800 feet, and not a nail or screw was lost. They 'trusted the Englishman,' asking no questions of wages, and receiving each six yards of calico; and for the sake of being liberal each was given an extra yard."

Upon the north side of this lake is a slave depot. "From 20,000 to 30,000 slaves have been annually carried across Nyassa, and its shores are strewn with the bones of the old and feeble." The mission of the Established Church of Scotland is located at Blantyre, on the south shore of the Lake Shirè. We see thus four missionary bands already established on the great Central Lakes, provided with boats by which they can reach over the lakes and their affluents, and the rivers that flow from them, more than a thousand miles in a straight line north and south, thus commanding the great water-ways of Central Africa by a line of mission stations.

The English Baptist Missionary Society are working inland from the west coast, making St. Salvador a base of operations. The first lady to join this mission reached the coast from England in February last, was met by her future husband (one of the missionary band) at St. Paul de Moando, and after marriage started with him for their distant home on the Congo.

The Zulu country is torn and distracted by the desolating war in which they are plunged; but, whatever its merits, no doubt the final result will be the establishment of firm government, and the advancement of civilization, for the gospel will follow in the track of the armies.

OUR MISSIONS.

As to the missions of our own church on the western coast, we have to record, first, that the appeal made by the Board one year

ago for more missionaries has met with no response; the number on the field being less than at that time. Rev. Dr. Bushnell and his wife, of Gaboon, and Mr. and Mrs. De Heer, and Mrs. Reutlinger, of Corisco, are temporarily in this country for reasons of health, while they are at the same time occupied in preparing for the press several valuable translations. At

BARAKA,

on the Gaboon river, 20 miles from the sea, Rev. Mr. Murphy is in charge of the church, and Mrs. Smith, Miss Walker, and Miss Jones have the care, respectively, of the boys' school, the girls' school, and visitation, Bible work, and religious meetings among the women. At the close of the last year it was found that the number of scholars in the girls' school was too large for the appropriation made for its support, consequently some of them had to be dismissed, to their great sorrow and the pain of their teachers. Two of the ladies undertook each the support of a child rather than send them away. It is related that at a recent monthly concert at this station six tribes were represented, and all these tongues, and the English, were used in prayers or addresses. "It was an exceedingly impressive and refreshing service." When we say of the four missionaries at Baraka that they are "abundant in labors," we but faintly state the truth. On the

ISLAND OF CORISCO,

55 miles north, the church and boys' school are in charge of a native pastor, Rev. Mr. Ibia, and the work in both is progressing satisfactorily. At

BENITA,

53 miles further north, the girls' school has been, during the past year, under the care of Miss Dewsnap, assisted by Mrs. Menkel; but failing health has obliged her to resign her post, and under the physician's orders seek restoration in the home land. The church at this point, and boys' school, are in charge of Mr. Frank S. Myongo, a native licentiate. Mr. Murphy, while attending a sacramental meeting at this place, writes: "Never have I felt so encouraged by the possibilities of work among this people."

There is, indeed, a remarkable religious awakening among the people in this field, but more especially in the tribes to the north of it. No white missionary has lived nearer to these people than at Benita, 80 miles distant; yet recently 31 persons were baptized and admitted to the church, and 50 more applicants were left. "The natives are building their own church and school-house without a dollar of mission aid, and only beg the mission for teachers." Presbytery has directed that the "Batanga Church" be speedily

organized among this people. It has, for years, been the wise and judicious plan in the Corisco school to admit promising boys and young men, and as soon as they could read well in their own language, supply them with Bible translations, hymn and school books, and send them back to their own country to act as Scripture readers. Sometimes these young men were not Christians professedly, but they could still teach others, and this has been done by them to such an extent that nearly all of those who were admitted to the church can read in their language. Thus, year after year, the seed has been wisely and patiently sown by the faithful laborers at Benita and Corisco, often in weariness and discouragement; but now, "after many days," while they are all far away, this joyful harvest is showing the blessed results of their toil.

KANGWE.

At this station on the Ogowe river, 120 miles from the sea, Rev. Dr. Nassau and his sister, Miss Bella, are doing faithful and laborious pioneer work. The Inquiry Class numbers twenty, and it is hoped that a church will soon be built. Miss Nassau teaches the Theological Class of four young men, and also a class of girls. The young men in their turn assist Dr. Nassau in his translations, and teach in his vernacular school.

LIBERIA.

The mission to this country has a field about 500 miles long by 50 miles broad. Our Board has several churches, a number of day schools, and eight missionaries under its care. One of these, Mrs. Priest, is under the care of our Society. Mr. Priest, Jr., lately appointed, is to be stationed at Sinou, and to give special attention to the education of girls. It is hoped that there may be, in time, a superior school for girls at this place. The death of Rev. D. L. Donnell, in January last, filled many hearts interested in this work with sorrow. A graduate of Lincoln University, and a young man of talent, scholarship, and piety, he devoted his life to the work of saving souls in Africa. When reminded of the dangers of the climate to which he was going, he replied, "It is a matter of very little account how long I live or where I die. Heaven is as near to Africa as to America." With his young wife he entered with ardor upon his field, which lay among the Veys, a large native tribe north of Monrovia. But in less than a year his race was run, and he laid down his life on African soil, already made sacred by the dust of martyrs. It is pleasant to know that another Lincoln student, with something of Donnell's spirit, is looking forward with hope to the time when he can take up the work which his friend was scarcely permitted to grasp.

on the west coast of Africa are the following: the Primitive Methodist (English), in Fernando Po; the Baptist, also English, at Cameroons; the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, at Calabar; the Church of England, on the Niger; and the Wesleyan, and the Church of England, at Lagos. Three years since, a delightful and profitable conference of West African Protestant missionaries was held at Gaboon by invitation of our mission there.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

Miss Walker, Gaboon, Africa.

"On the day after Christmas, with six of my girls I went to the other side of the river to visit a king, the uncle of my teacher Janie. In a small boat it is only a four hours' row; but we went in the cutter and were on the river all day. We received a cordial welcome, and everything in the house was placed at our disposal. I was gazed upon with astonishment, for it was something never known before for a white woman to sleep in their town. I was weary, so the girls told them to go, and I had just fallen asleep (about 11 P. M.), when a repast of two whole chickens, with other things in equal abundance, was brought in for me to eat. Though so late, in order not to offend I was obliged to eat a little. I accepted like hospitality and kindness for ten days. We were spoken of as 'the people who wear dresses.' Women who have never looked upon a white woman before came and gazed upon me with amazement, felt of my shoes, dress, etc.; but when I talked to them they were so frightened that they ran away. I went to *rest*, and was so kindly cared for that I improved very much. The people were so pleased with my girls and their education that they begged of me to send them a teacher. They would like a school such as ours at Baraka, and offered the ground and a house for it. We would be very glad to extend our work, if we could, in this way."

Mrs. C. B. Newton, Lahore, India.

. . . "Since spring has opened, watered fields look green, and nature is relieved somewhat of its sombre appearance. But the people! You can form no idea of them. Their poverty, increased very much by the high prices, shows itself in their dress, their leanness, and in many physical deformities so often resulting from lack of care and suitable medical attendance.

"If their outward appearance is repulsive, and we feel discouraged when we look at them, what shall I say of their characters? I do not think that you, at home, can form any conception of their degraded minds. Some of them do not seem very superior to the

brutes. They do not feel either sorrow or joy as enlightened people do. The famine, for instance, which seemed impending during the winter, did not give them the anxiety you would expect, although they were sure that many of them must die. There would be comfort in this were it not that a knowledge of one's wretchedness precedes his efforts to become better. As to feeling the sinfulness or even the shamefulness of any crime, small or great, they appear utterly incapable of it.

"As I go into the city and meet these people passing out of the wider bazaars into the narrow streets on which the dwelling houses are,—so narrow often that I can touch the two sides at once, a stream of filthy water flowing down the side of a house every little way into the open gutter that runs through the middle of the street,—and then enter a door and find within an open room with a clean mat on the floor, and meet the faces of twenty or thirty orderly women and girls learning to read and write, to sew and knit, to sing and pray, hope revives, and my heart warms with zeal and love. I am sure that great good is being done. There are twelve of these little schools, besides Miss Thiede's large mixed school. Four are under the care of Mrs. Anderson, four under Miss Harris, and four under Emma Atmá Rám. Emma has been a worker in the mission for a long time. I think she has her third husband, Atmá Rám, who was baptized by Mr. Newton a few years ago. These Christian teachers spend two hours every second day in the school. You may think this a great deal, and that comparatively little is left for the Mussulman or Hindoo woman at the head of the school, but knowing the unreliable character of the natives you will not wonder that she requires very close watching. Yet we could not easily get on without her, for her influence as a respectable woman in gathering the children is very necessary to us. If she did not do a thing towards the teaching, the fact of her having the children in order in their places for the Christian teacher would be a great deal; but with careful superintendence they do teach the children very much. Several of the women have read Barth's Scripture, Pilgrim's Progress, and one or more of the gospels. Some of them have also learned to repeat a great deal from the New Testament by heart, and a large proportion of them can repeat the Ten Commandments.

"In one of Miss Harris's schools, where the children sang very nicely together without any one to lead them, she said that it was very pleasant to see them on their sewing day working away, and singing one hymn after another. Now and then a school fails, as Sukhima Begum's did, from lack of interest on the part of the teacher, some enmity with her neighbors or other causes; but when this is so another school is opened and the work goes on."

At Home.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THRONGING into the Assembly Room at 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, on the morning of the 24th of April, came an earnest crowd that quickly filled every nook and corner, bidden as we were by our President to be like little children and pack closely. But even with the close packing some could not enter, and it was plain that the remaining meetings must be held where there were larger accommodations.

The early prayer meeting was led by Mrs. H. D. Gregory, of Blairstown, N. J. The President next called to order, and having conducted the opening devotional exercises, gave a cordial welcome to the delegates, and sent to the heart of every woman a question, to be answered by herself alone, as she contemplates the peculiar aspect of the world in relation to missionary work, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Mrs. Ware, of Salem, N. J., responded in behalf of the delegates.

The Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, holding its meeting at the same time at Toledo, O., sent a Scriptural telegram of greeting, as did also the Baptist Society assembled at Providence, R. I., and responses were returned to both.

Mrs. S. C. Perkins then read the

ANNUAL REPORT.

In attempting to glean from this report its salient points, we find that every line stands out to command our notice, and is a weighty record to encourage, or a soul stirring call to the women of our Church to be up and doing. Our Foreign Secretary tells us of the voices audible to all, that come from every point where our missionaries have been toiling. India, with her twenty-four women laborers, sends word of successful schools, of a native woman with the charm of song and gift of musical composition praising Christ with these powers as the Redeemer of her soul; and sadly, too, there comes from the same quarter the report that many who want to be taught must be refused, for the laborers are not sufficient for the harvest. Sisters of the Church of Christ, ought this to be? In Siam more than one hundred children have learned to sing and pray, to know the true God and the sin of idolatry. One hundred and forty-eight are ready for the new school term, many of these of the Laos, a people hard to reach. China cries out for advance. The encour-

agements are so manifest that missionaries find it almost impossible to refrain from attempting more than the Board warrants. In Canton the work is peculiarly forward, owing to the labors of the Bible women. But they are admonished to economy. Economy! Oh, ye who are saved yourselves, is this the place for economy? Think of a station in North China not being able on Sabbath afternoon to raise the flag which summons hungry souls, because so many come to be fed that there is not enough for all! Are we not reminded of the bread in the Father's house, enough and to spare? Whom has He made almoners of this bread? Women of the Church of Christ, is it not ye?

A young worker in Japan tells of her sixty pupils often visited by her. Tokio has its sixth chapel and a whitening harvest in the school, where thirty-five girls board and day pupils gather. Persia thrills us with the work in her native church in Geog Tapa, where the whole village is divided that each part may be under the special care of one of a hundred women who labor for the Lord. Syria sends us cheering words. "So busy," one missionary writes, "that I am never lonely." Africa had a recent meeting of Presbytery, where a decided step was taken towards self-support, and this is the tendency generally among missions. Here a number were baptized and admitted to the communion, and thirteen couples united in marriage. In Brazil, among the mountains, two missionaries and native helpers are at work and fruit gathered for the garner. Mexico, so lately marked by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, still looks for more of the Pentecostal blessing over the whole world, because it is the promise of the Father. North American Indians are found so hungering to know and so quick to learn that teaching is a pleasure. What some learn through the week they teach to others on the Sabbath, so unerring is the law that impels the receiver of truth to give it to others. Oh that in this busy, noisy world we might still the heart of every Christian woman to hear God speak! Then we should neither lack laborers for the ripening fields nor fear an exhausted treasury. We are animated by the cheering words that tell of ground prepared for the good seed, and thank God for letting us see His work in so many of its stages during the present century, the sowing, the waiting, the reaping, and the garnering—sometimes, as in Southern India, like a nation born in a day, and all manifestly bringing in the time which our Lord has linked with the certainty of His own life, "Truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." The Report directs our attention to the political and educational acts of some countries, where, "building better than they know," they are themselves making a highway for our God. After singing a hymn, Mrs. Massey gave the

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETIES.

This report showed an increase of five new Presbyterial Societies, making forty in all; nine hundred and twenty-three auxiliaries and three hundred and sixty-nine Mission Bands, forty-six new. These support eighty-six missionaries, and a large number of schools, scholarships, and Bible readers.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Fishburn, then read

THE TREASURER'S REPORT,

which showed the receipts to that date to be $85,959 45 ($88,110 64 to April 30).

The Woman's Union Society of New York was represented in a paper from Miss S. D. Doremus, read by Miss Guthrie, of Japan.

The election of Managers followed, after which the meeting adjourned to hold its afternoon session in the Tabernacle Church, previous to which a lunch regaled the members and visitors, making a pleasing opportunity for happy greetings.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

was opened by singing a hymn and prayer. Mrs. Mateer, of Tungchow, China, spoke of the work there and how God often uses the most unlikely instruments in His service, so that we should not in our minds limit Him as to what He will do, but patiently watch and accept His instrumentalities.

Mrs. De Heer, of the African mission at Corisco, told us of the depth of darkness there, but that the field is now in our hands, and that many fetich worshippers have turned to Christ. They have a written translation of the Scriptures, and by many the Bible is loved and God worshipped. The degradation of women here is deep indeed. Daughters do not find a mother in the women who bare them, and are cast forth to every evil influence. Many miles north of Corisco the influence of the gospel has been felt through the instrumentality of one, who was a cook in Mrs. De Heer's family. These young men whom they employ as domestics are so eager for instruction that they often forget the household service and give more time to study than is meet.

Mrs. Reutlinger, of the same mission, told in her sweet way of some of the peculiarities of the people. The very mention of death is a terror, and such mention they deem a curse. They overcome this terror when they learn about Jesus and are so made conquerors. Mrs. R. said she never before had had the privilege of seeing so many women assembled in the interest of missions, that the memory of it would long remain, and when she should report it to the Coriscans it would animate them. She asked for our prayers as they labor single handed amid much discouragement. Mrs. R. gave us the details of one day's life at the mission. One hour only

of the day they claim as their own, and that is from 8 to 9 P. M. The house must be open to all comers at all times. The women come and question and inspect. They watch every process, and so learn a better way than their own. Do we appreciate this part of the missionaries' self-abnegation, we who guard our homes with careful exclusiveness? Does not the curious, ever-inspecting eye seem intolerable?

Mrs. R. H. Allen read letters from the Woman's Congregational Board, Boston, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Albany, and from the Society at Brooklyn, also from Mrs. Judge Jones, of Baltimore, and from Mrs. Z. M. Humphrey, of Cincinnati, O., who regretted not to be with us.

Mrs. Perkins read a letter from Miss Dickson, who went out from Philadelphia to Dakota, to labor among the Indians. She was about to make her home in camp in the woods to increase her opportunities for usefulness, taking with her two native girls for company and to assist her in learning the language.

THE FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

was largely attended, Mrs. Chase, of Great Bend, Pa., conducting the devotional exercises, which were prolonged until eleven o'clock. The Conference Meeting, led by Mrs. Schenck, opened with singing and reading John xiv., prayer by Mrs. Morris, of Salem, N. J. Mrs. Langdon, of Elizabeth, N. J., read a paper from Mrs. William E. Moore, of Columbus, O., on the need of spirituality in this work.

Mrs. Hanford (one of our Vice-Presidents), who is the mother of a missionary, sent her sheaf also in the form of a paper on "The Foreign Missionary Wife," which was read by Mrs. Perkins.

Mrs. Turner read a paper from Miss H. M. Johnson, of Germantown, which created discussion on a point that has had a special attention from the Society during the past year, viz., the gathering of young women into bands as a wing to our army. The need of this is keenly felt, and it is recommended to auxiliary societies to consider carefully this part of their work, and add to us a force that cannot be dispensed with.

Invitation to hold the next Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, O., was read by Miss Haskell, of Cleveland, and accepted.

Miss Briggs, of Harrisburg, Pa., reported on Young People's Work. Notice was made of the appreciation by the Society of the facilities accorded by railroads, of the spirit manifested by the Press in reporting, and a vote of thanks for hospitalities rendered to delegates.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

in the afternoon was well attended. Mrs. Theodore Cuyler presided. The Lord's Prayer was repeated by all in concert. The hymn,

"Sound the battle cry," was sung, and Scripture reading by a band, "Workers for Jesus," of Old Pine St. Church.

Two young ladies sang most effectively the hymn, "Where hast thou gleaned to-day?"

A young orator of six years made the opening address delightfully. Five young girls from the Harper Band, North Broad St. Church, sang, "Come over and help us."

One of the Watchers' Band, Germantown, read a paper on "Our Lineage," representing the band as little more than one year old, yet proud and rejoicing in its mother, the Auxiliary Society of the 1st Church, Germantown, and tracing its genealogy back to the family tree first planted in old Scotland.

A group of children, "Lambs of Jesus," from Olivet Church, combined a singing and recitation exercise with pleasing effect.

Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. De Heer and Miss Guthrie.

Nine successive years have gathered at each anniversary the distributed forces of our Society, to bring their record of success or defeat. In a sweeping glance over its history, we cannot hesitate in the glad acknowledgment of success, although the way has not always been smooth, difficulties have not been slight, nor has it been all encouragement. Anxious faces and troubled brows have often told a different story, a story of pain and disappointment, but one of heavenly trust born of earthly fears, of difficulties strengthening effort, and of obstacles developing resources. Every stone of the great edifice we now see before us has been cemented with prayer, and on its ninth birthday we come with a glad hallelujah of praise, that the past year has been the best, that the added impetus of the experience and force of other years has been felt throughout the work, and that the tidings from afar, from the waters where we have cast the net, show that the Lord is near us. Each Annual Meeting should have its distinctive mark according to the stage of the work. What is the mark made by this meeting? Is it not that the field is ready for the gleaners, but laborers not enough for the need? Let the Church awake and send the laborers and their hire, with the liberality of a true allegiance to the Lord of the harvest; and the voices which were once heard prophetically in heaven will soon be heard on earth, saying, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

We have issued small envelopes for the use of those working in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society who prefer the envelope system in contributing. Price $1 per thousand, and postage, if sent by mail. Apply to the Editor.

WILLS AND LEGACIES.

THERE is always a certain degree of sacredness about the wishes, whether expressed or understood, of one who has left this world, with all its cares and possessions, for the invisible world of spirits. The very inability of such persons to speak for themselves any further is a kind of appeal to us to carry out whatever wishes they have made known to us while they still had the power. It is only when other motives or considerations besides the simple desire to do exactly what the departed one intended should be done, or when the manner of indicating this purpose leaves doubt as to what really was intended, that difficulty arises.

As the work of woman for woman in heathen lands grows, and takes deeper hold of the hearts of our Christian women who have means to bestow by will, it becomes important to us and to them that they should know just how to ensure that their desires are carried out in the precise form which they have in mind. We wish therefore to give a few plain directions on the general subject of wills.

In the first place, if you have never so small an amount of property which you desire to dispose of by will, do not attempt to draw up the paper yourself. Lawyers are by no means all hungry cormorants, who will devour as much as they can of your substance. They are most of them honest men, who will save you much anxiety and your friends much perplexity in this matter, for a comparatively small remuneration. But one thing we beg you not to do, viz., ask a lawyer to *give* you his time and brains in the drawing up of your will, on the ground that you are leaving money to benevolent objects. Let him choose his own way of contributing directly to those objects, rather than expect him to do it through you in your way.

Ascertain clearly and fully about the charities or societies which you wish to aid by legacy, taking time, if need be, to inquire into their merits and their operations. Reports of almost all benevolent institutions can be had by application to one of their officers, or at the institutions themselves, and these nearly always contain the form of bequest, or at least the full and distinguishing title by which the society or charity is known. A lawyer will always carefully follow the directions thus given as to name and form of bequest, as his object is to leave no doubt of the testator's intent. It is not enough, however, that *he* should be thus clear, but the testator should also be entirely clear in expressing what object is meant, using the title given by the printed report or circular, and seeing to it that there is no ambiguity of expression or confusion of names.

Know clearly to what you wish and mean to give your money

by will. Give your lawyer the opportunity to express this unmistakably, by putting into his hands the proper title, &c. Follow these objects with prayerful interest, so that you may know whether changes occur in them before your will is likely to take effect, and keep pace with whatever development or progress they make in the time which intervenes before your benevolence aids them.

If for any reason you wish to make an alteration in your will, it is easy to add a codicil or any number of codicils expressing the change in your intentions. In some states there is a tax on the amount of legacies or devises for charitable or religious purposes. A testator can direct that all taxes on such legacies or devises in his will shall be paid by the executors out of his general or residuary estate, so that the beneficiaries shall receive the full amount intended, without abatement for any taxes.

The forms of devise and bequest for the two societies which unite in the publication of *Woman's Work for Woman*, but which are quite separate and distinct from each other in all else, are found on the last page of the cover of every number.

SOWING AND REAPING.

Sow with a generous hand,
  Pause not for toil or pain;
Weary not through the heat of summer,
  Weary not through the cold spring rain;
But wait till the autumn comes
  For the sheaves of golden grain.

Sow, while the seeds are lying
  In the warm earth's bosom deep,
And your warm tears fall upon it,—
  They will stir in their quiet sleep;
And the green blades rise the quicker,
  Perchance, for the tears you weep.

Then sow, for the hours are fleeting,
  And the seed must fall to-day;
And care not what hands shall reap it,
  Or if you shall have passed away
Before the waving cornfields
  Shall gladden the sunny day.

Sow; and look onward, upward,
  Where the starry light appears,—
Where, in spite of the coward's doubting,
  Or your own heart's doubts and fears,
You shall reap in joy the harvest
  You have sown to-day, in tears.

—*Adelaide A. Procter.*

THE Ninth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be sent, as soon as published, to the Secretaries of Auxiliaries, as far as they have given us their addresses. If any one fails to receive a copy, she will please notify us and one will be forwarded to her. To others a charge of ten cents will be made for the Report, which can be had on application to the Editor.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

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NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Danville, N. J., Pres. Newton.
Eastburn (Mariners') Ch., Phila., Pres. Phila.
Georgetown, D. C., Pres. Washington City.
Hamburgh, N. J., Pres. Newton.
Hyattsville, Md., Pres. Washington City.
Medina, N. Y., Pres. Niagara.
Millville, N. J., Pres. West Jersey.
Portville, N. Y., Pres. Genesee.
Sharon (Olive Ch.), O., Pres. St. Clairsville.
South Oil City, Pa., Pres. Clarion.
Tionesta, Pa., Pres. Clarion.
Washington, D. C., Eastern Ch., Pres. Washington City.
Washington, D. C., North Ch., Pres. Washington City.
Weegee, O., Pres. St. Clairsville.
Wheeling Valley, O., Pres. St. Clairsville.

BANDS.

Butler, Pa., Gleaners.
Columbia, Pa., 2d Ch., Little Gleaners.
Lawrenceville, N. J., Fast Fadad.
New Athens, O., Willing Workers.
Philadelphia, 1st Ch., Ever Faithful.
Rural Valley, Pa.
St. Clairsville, O., Coral Gatherers.
Washington, D. C., 1st Ch., S. S. Foreign Missionary Society.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from April 1, 1879.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS. — Amesville Aux., $16, Busy Bees, $4 50 ($20 50); Barlow Aux., $10; Deerfield, $7; New England, $9 30; Tupper's Plains, $4; Conscience money, $1, . $51 80

BALTIMORE. — Baltimore, Brown Mem. Bible Class, add'l, $45; Churchville Aux., $32 50; Deer Creek, Harmony Aux., $14 18; Hagerstown Aux., for extra fund, $8, ... 99 68

BINGHAMTON.—Windsor Aux., for zenana work, Futtehgurh, ... 45 15

BLAIRSVILLE.—Beulah Aux., add'l, $2; Blairsville Aux., for Miss'y, China, $3 31, for extra fund, $15 93 ($19 24); Cross Roads Aux., $25; Ebensburg Aux., for extra fund, $5; Greensburg Aux., sch'p, Sidon, $50; Irwin's Aux., for extra fund, $13 30; Johnstown Aux., for Oroomiah bdg., $25, extra fund, $35 31 ($60 31); Latrobe Aux., for extra fund, $5; Livermore, nat. tea., Kolapoor, $25, ... 204 85

BUTLER.--Amity Aux., $90 50; Butler Aux., $36 85, Gleaners, for sch'p, Beirut, $60 ($96 85); Buffalo, $30; Centre, $41; Centreville, $38 85; Clintonville, $47 64; Fairview, $39; Harlensburg, $31; Harrisville, $60; Leesburg, $20; Martinsburg, for Persia, $30 50; Middlesex, $9; Mt. Nebo, $22; Muddy Creek, $42; New Salem, for sch'p, Kolapoor, $30; Pine Grove Aux., $54 30, Y. L. Circle (Foundation Stones), $26 46, Children's Band, $6 13 ($86 89); Plain Grove Aux., $25 55, Children's Bd., $8 40 ($33 95); Pleasant Valley, $23; Portersville, $22; Sunbury Aux., $21 72, Bd., $2 28 ($24); Unionville, $35 50 Westminster, $21 35; Zelienople, $6 15, . $883 68

CARLISLE.—Carlisle Aux., 2 churches, for Miss'y, Syria, $50, extra fund, $12 ($62); 2d Ch., Pearl Seekers, $30; Chambersburg, Central Ch., for Mexico, $52; Falling Spring Ch., for Miss'y, Syria, $4 56; Dickinson Aux., for sch'p, Ningpo, $40, Mexico, $14 ($54); Gettysburg, for sch'p, Sidon, $40; Harrisburg, 1st Ch., for Miss'y, Syria, $50, special for work, Lahore, $28, for extra fund, thank offering, $106 69, a member for work, Yankton, $5 ($189 69); 7th St. Ch., for Miss'y, $8; Westminster Ch., $20; Green Castle Aux., for sch'p, Beirut, $60, for Miss'y, $8 ($68); Lower Marsh Creek Aux., for Miss'y, $10, Gr. Conewago S. S., $5 05 ($15 05); Mechanicsburg, for sch., Lahore, $50; McConnellsburg Aux., for Miss'y, $8 50, Coral Workers, for Beirut Sem., $5 ($13 50); Newville Aux., for extra fund, $51 26; Shippensburg, for Miss'y, Syria, $100; Rocky Spring, for do., $10; Upper Path Valley, for do., $21 55; Pres. Soc., for extra fund, $17 50, $807 11

CHAMPLAIN.—Malone, Y. L. Benev. Soc., . . . 27 22

CHESTER.—Chester, 3d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, $26 40; Downingtown Aux., add'l, $3; Great Valley Miss. Bd., Mexico, $63; Honeybrook S. S., child, Lodiana, $27 14; Unionville, Aux. and S. S., $8; West Chester Aux., for

Miss'y, $72 30, Willing Hearts, for sch'p, Sidon, $50, for Mexico, $20, Willing Hands, sch'p, Gaboon, $20 ($162 30), . . . $289 84

CINCINNATI.—Wyoming Aux., $33, King's Daughter for Panalla bdg., $12 84, Y. L. Branch, for do., $12 ($57 84); 3d Ch. Aux. (of which $30 for sch'p, Dehra), $45, Bd. (of which $30 for sch'p, Africa), $90 ($135); Lane Sem. Aux., $125, Jewel Seekers, $19 06 for Panalla bdg. ($144 06); Delhi Aux., nat. tea., Lahore, $10; Sharonville, $5; Springdale, $5; Old 1st Ch., Walnut Hills, $2; Reading and Lockland, $8 25; Orchard St. Ch., $11 25, Y. L. Bd., $10 80 ($22 05); Morrow Aux., Mexico, $12; 7th Ch. (of which $1 for extra fund), $43, Lights for the Darkness, for Corisco, $20, for Panalla bdg., $97, Lower Lights, $41 35, Headlights, for Mexico, $40 ($241 35); Glendale, $102, Earnest Workers, Mexico, $50 ($152); 1st Ch., $50; New Richmond, $8; 2d Ch., $32 25, Happy Day Bd., for Mexico, $100 ($132 25); Mason, $11 35; Lebanon, $15; Montgomery, $16; Central Ch., $200; Avondale, sch'p, Dehra, $20; 5th Ch., $30; Mt. Auburn Aux., $92, Rohbie Fisher Bd. and Lower Lights, $58 ($150), for Miss'y, Mexico; Cumminsville, $41; Lincoln Park, $35; Pleasant Run, $20; Berea Cleves & Elizabeth, for Miss'y, Ind. Ter., $6 50, ... 1529 65

CLARION. — Greenville Aux., for L. M., $25; Oak Grove Aux., $12, J. Dostie Corbett's miss'y hen, $1, work, Chefoo ($13); Perryville Aux., $5, ... 43 00

CLEVELAND. — Ashtabula, $12 81; Brecksville, $4; Chester, $25; Collamer, $5 33; Cleveland, Woodland Ave. Aux., $140; Euclid St. Aux., $82, S. S., $1 67 ($83 67); 1st Ch., $44 35; North Ch., $3 40; South Ch., $6; Hudson, $8 64; Kingsville, $7; Parma, $4 50; Rome, $4 50, Miss. Bd., 82 cts. ($5 32); Strongsville, $12; Solon, $7 60; N. Springfield, $11 11 ($380 73) for missionaries, school, &c.; Woodland Av. Ch., Sarah Adams Bd. for sch., India, $50; Grafton Aux. and Bd. for sch., Canton, $8 55; Willoughby, for L. M., $25; Euclid St. Ch., Bird's Nest and Willing Heart Bds., for sch., Etawah, $60; Willing Hearts, for sch., Mexico, $20; Youths' Miss. Soc., Mexico, $50; N. Springfield, Cheerful Givers, sch., Canton, $25; Case Av. S. S., nat. tea., Syria, $7 12, . . $626 40

COLUMBUS.—Bremen, $5; Columbus, 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $101 40, for G.F., $12 90, Young People's Branch, for do., $50, Earnest Workers and Little Gleaners, for sch'p, Dehra, $60 06, Mrs. Wm. G. Dunn, for sch'p, Canton, $10 ($234 36); Westminster Ch., Pearl Seekers, for sch'p, Allahabad, $20; London Aux., for zenana visitor, India, $15 38, . . . 274 74

[$54 of amount acknowledged in May *Woman's Work*, from Young People's Asso., Circleville, should have been from Aux. Soc.; and $19 10 from Westerville, should have been from Rush Creek Aux.]

DAYTON. — Carlisle Station, $10; Dayton, Union Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $118 17; 1st Ch., Y. L. Soc., for sch., India, $25; 3d St. Ch. S. S., for India, $40, Persia, $28, Japan, $30, Gen. Fund, $60 ($158); Eaton, $10 73, Boys' Bd., $3 38 ($14 11); Fletcher, $3 75; Franklin, $23; Greenville, Seekers for Sun-

shine ($7 50 for extra fund), $44 20; Hamilton ($50 for Oroomiab bdg.), $61, Mrs. Alpheus Stewart, for L. M., $25 ($86); Oxford Aux., $20; Piqua, $25; Springfield, 1st Aux. ($100 for scb., Syria), $150, Infant sch., scb'p, Ningpo, $40, McKnight Bd., $50, Seed Sowers, $10, F. & L. Winger, $5 ($65) for Training scb., Canton, ($255); Springfield, 2d ($9 46 for sch., India), $20 04; Xenia Aux., $38 30, ... $850 57

ELIZABETH.—Basking Ridge Aux., zenana work, Futtehgurh, $43, Gleaners, sch'p, Mynpuric, $40 ($83); Clinton ($25 for nat. tea., Corisco), $40 70; Elizabeth, Westminster Bd., for Oroomiah bdg., $15; Elizabethport, Cheerful Givers, sch., Gaboon, $8; Lamington Aux., add'l, $4; Liberty Corner, $17; Pluckamin Aux., $22; Roselle Aux., $100, Missing Link Bd., for Panalla bdg., $65 ($165); Springfield Aux., $54 15, Bd., $6 85 ($61); Westfield, Legacy of Miss Abby Mooney, $200, . . . 615 70

ERIE. — Cambridge Aux., $30 70, S. S., $6 50 ($37 20); Erie, 1st Ch. Aux. ($45 12 for San Paulo), $66 12; Gravel Run Aux., $5 50; Girard Aux., $12 50; Harbor Creek, $26; Kerr's Hill, for Canton, $25 61; Meadville, 2d Ch., for zenana work, India, $50; North East, $55 17; Oil City, 1st, for sch'ps, Futtehgurh, $30, extra fund, $34 60 ($64 60); Pleasantville, $22; Sandy Lake, $21 50; Springfield ($50 for San Paulo), $73 85; Sugar Creek, $26 98; Sunville, for Miss'y, Cal., $42 60; Titusville, for San Paulo scb., $175, Necktie Fund, $93 50 ($268 50); Utica Aux., $7; Warren, for sch'p, Sidon, $25; Waterford Aux., $24, . . . 853 13

GENESEE.—Warsaw Aux., for Ch. in Cal., $65 50, extra fund, $2 50, . . . $68 00

GENESEE VALLEY.—Portville Aux., ... 30 50

HUDSON.—Cochecton S. S., for Panalla bdg., $5; Monroe Aux., scbs, Lahore, $34, extra fund, $8 ($42), . . 47 00

HUNTINGDON.—Academia Aux., $36; Altoona, 2d Ch. ($17 for Miss'y, Panalla), $57; Beulah Aux., $8; Duncansville, $17 22; Fruit Hill Aux., $8 15; Huntingdon Aux. (Oroomiab bdg., $30, A Lady, for extra fund, 75 cts.), $63 25; Lewistown Aux., for Miss'y, Ningpo, $58 20, extra fund, $5, Happer Bd., $11 19 ($74 39); Bald Eagle Aux., $10; Hollidaysburg, Busy Bees, $2 07, Band of Hope, $18 ($20 07); Mifflintown, for Miss'y, Ningpo, $40; Pine Grove, $48 74; Sinking Valley, $76 23; Spruce Creek, for extra fund, $15; Williamsburg, $26; Pres. Soc., for extra fund, $24 25, ... 514 30

JERSEY CITY.—Bergen, 1st, for scb., Mexico, $224 79; Englewood, for schools, Schweifat, $500; Hoboken, 1st, for sch'p, Sidon, $50; Jersey City, 1st, for students, Tokio, $211 30, Spinners, for scb'p, Tokio, $50 ($261 30); 2d Ch., add'l, for San Paulo, $2; Passaic Aux., for Miss'y, India, $50; Rutherford Aux., for San Paulo sch., $99 40, Mrs. E. M. Ivison, for L. M. $25 ($124 40); Tenafly Aux., for nat. tea., Dehra, $50, Mrs. Green's Children, for extra fund, $2 ($52); W. Hoboken, Workers, scb'p, Beirut, $100; Pres. Soc., for extra fund, $67 61, . 1472 28

KITTANNING.—Appleby Manor Aux., for sch., Saharanpur, $20: Apollo Aux., $19 36, Faithful Workers (Boys), $2 37, Hopeful Bd. (Girls), $4 40, Pure Pearls (Young

Ladies), $8 87 ($35); Boiling Spring Aux., Miss'y, Brazil, $22; Centre Aux., $6 50; Clinton Aux., for Miss'y, Siam, $16; Ebenezer Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $40; Glade Run, for do., $25; Indiana Aux. ($5 for extra fund), $330; Kittanning Aux., for Miss'y, India, $210; Leechburg Aux., $9, S. S., $15 ($24), for Miss'y, Siam; Saltsburg Aux., for Oroomiah bdg., $40, S. S., $30 ($70); Slate Lick, for day sch., Kolapoor, $38; Mechanicsburg Aux., $12, Children's Band, for Laos sch., Petchaburi, $28 ($40); Srader's Grove Aux. ($2 from Emma, Ella and Ettie Srader's Mite Box), for work, Siam, $40 31; West Glade Run Aux., for B. R., Canton, $25, S. S., $9 58 ($34 58); Washington Aux., $15, ... $966 39

Lackawanna.—Athens Aux., sch'p, Sidon, $12 50; Ararat Aux., $12 25; Susquehanna Aux., $30, S. S., $20 ($50), for sch'p, Tokio; Shickshinny Aux., $9; Towanda Aux., for Miss'y, Africa, $125; Stevensville Aux., $5; Wells and Columbia Aux., $8; W. Pittston Aux., for sch'p, Beirut, $15 80; Wilkesbarre Aux., for Miss'y, Panalla, $100; Wyoming Aux., $3, . . 338 80

Lehigh. — Easton, 1st Ch. Aux., for Bogota, $50, extra fund, $5 74 ($55 74); Brainerd Ch., Ladies' Aid Soc., $100; Hazleton Aux. ($40 sch'p, Bangkok), $104 50; Mauch Chunk, Little Workers for Jesus, Oroomiah bdg., $6; Middle Smithfield S. S., $20 81; Pottsville, 1st Ch. S. S., for sch., Shanghai, $62 50; Reading, 1st Ch. Aux., $80; Stroudsburg Aux., $29 30, . . . 458 85

Mahoning. — Canton Aux., for Miss'y, Bogota, $15; East Palestine Aux., for do., $11 13; Middle Sandy Aux., for do., $25; Salem, Amaranth Bd., $14, Infant sch., $16 ($30), for sch., Bogota; Youngstown, 1st Aux., for Mexico, $29 61, . . . $110 74

Marion. — Ashley Aux., $9 40; Berlin ($2 15 for extra fund), $16 15; Brown Aux., $12; Delaware Aux., $52 60, Young People's Soc., $17 57, S. S. Gleaners, $26 ($96 17); Delhi Aux., $27 02; Iberia Aux., $7; Liberty ($17 17 for extra fund), $41 47; Marion Aux., $49; Maryville Aux., $15 65, Stars of Hope, $4 20, Busy Little Gleaners, $1 70 ($21 55); Milford Centre Aux., $25 16; Mt. Gilead Aux., $32 56, Gilead Rills, $10 ($42 56); Ostrander Aux. ($5 extra fund), $15; Pisgah Aux, $6 50; Radnor, $2 40; Trenton Aux., for B. R., Canton, $35; West Berlin Aux., $3 50, . 409 88

Monmouth.—Beverly, Grace Miss. Bd., $48 08; Burlington Aux., sch'p, Dehra, $60, Oroomiah bdg., $47 51 ($107 51); Cranbury, 2d Ch., for sch'p and work, Bangkok, $75; Freehold Aux., $40, Mrs. Parker's Bible Class, for sch., Syria, $20 ($60); Jamesburg Aux., $58, S. S., for 2 sch'ps, Mynpuric, $60, China Boys' Class, for China, $30, Monroe S. S., $7 ($155); Matawan Aux., $20 50; Mt. Holly Aux. ($45 sch'p, Sidon), $61, Holly Branch, sch'p, Futtehgurh, $15 ($76); Shrewsbury Aux., $38 43, 580 52

Morris and Orange.—Chatham Aux., for sch'ps, Allahabad and Futtehgurh, $45; Orange, 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Tungchow, $125, . 170 00

Nassau.—Islip, S. S. Bd., for sch'p, Yokohama, . . 20 85

Newark.—Newark, S. Park Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $97 75; Park Ch. Aux., $51 79; Central Ch., sch'p, Canton, $60; High St. Aux., $98 77; Roseville Aux., for

Miss'y, Syria, $29 70; Caldwell, for day sch., Canton, $70; Bloomfield, Westminster Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $66 45, . . . $454 46

NEW BRUNSWICK.—2d Amwell Aux., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $16 88, extra fund, $3 25, Mt. Airy S. S., for San Paulo, $5 32 ($25 45); Ewing Aux., for nat. tea., India, $50, Annie Field Bd., sch'p, Kolapoor, $20 ($70); Kirkpatrick Mem. Aux., for San Paulo, $48 09; Pennington Aux., for zenana work, Etawah, $16 91; Princeton, 1st Ch., Gerald Dale Bd., for Syria, $200, Annie Comfort Bd., for Sidon, $25 ($225); Stockton Aux., for sch., Syria, $30 60; Trenton, Prospect St. Aux., for San Paulo sch., $30, . 446 05

NEWCASTLE.—Delaware City Aux., $22; Lower W. Nottingham Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $100; Port Penn Aux., $15 11, Labaree Bd., $13, Willing Workers, $23 17 ($36 17 for sch'p, Persia), S.S., $8 77 ($60 05); Salisbury, Wicomico Ch., for work, Chenanfou, $17, . 199 05

NEWTON.—Belvidere, 2d Ch. Aux., $41, Paul Bd., $33 77 ($74 72); Blairstown Aux., for zenana visitor, Lahore, $70; Blair Hall Bd., for sch'p, Ningpo, $15; Newton Aux., for zenana visitor, Lahore, $35; Oxford, 2d Ch. Aux., for sch'p, Dehra, $60, Oroomiah bdg., $49 50 ($109 50); Harmony Aux., $48, Miss. Bd., $37 ($85); Markshoro' Aux., $9 50, . 298 72

NIAGARA.—Medina Aux., . 50 00

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Bloomsburg Aux., add'l, $5 50; Danville, Mahoning Aux., additional, $14; Mifflinburg Aux., for Oroomiah bdg., $7 28; Shamokin Aux., for do., $30; Renovo Aux., $12; Washington Aux., $41; Milton Aux., add'l, 40 cts., ... 110 18

OCCIDENTAL BRANCH.—Cash, May 1, 1878, $112 38; San Francisco, 1st Ch., $37 50, Miss. Bd., $40 55; Calvary Ch., $359 60; Westminster Ch., $60; Howard Ch., $28 90; Howard St. Ch., $25, Seed Sowers, $20; Tabernacle Ch., $22 50; St. John's Ch., $22 50, Rosebuds, $21 10; Oakland, $256 85; Alameda, $56 75; Live Oak Bd., $50 25 ($107); Brooklyn, $40 85, Mills Sem., $45 ($85 85); San Rafael, $36; Santa Rosa, $18; Vallejo, $10; Sacramento, $15 25; Napa City, $5; Santa Clara, $59 70; San Jose, $213 50; Centreville, Little Workers, $2; Stockton, $20; San Leandro, $1 50; Los Angeles, $8; Westminster, $2 75; Healdsburgh, $5; San Diego, $11 30; San Bernardino, $33; Minneapolis, Minn., $32 50; Bloomfield, N. J., $25; Portsmouth, O., $34 86; Geneva, N. Y., $135; Steubenville, O., $18; Chicago, Ill., $60 10; Phelps, N. Y., $9 90; Utica, N. Y., $10; Washington, Pa., June Rosebuds, $23 75; Philadelphia, Pa., $25; Orient Bd. (Chinese), $12; Plattsburgh, N. Y., $5; Memberships and miscellaneous contributions, $101 10; Donations, $174; Synodical contrib., $70; Rents, $109 15; Board, $40; Miss Fields, Home sch., Oakland, $70; Chinese Merchants, for use of Chinese sch., $206, . $2682 87

OTSEGO. — Oneonta, Ladies' Miss. Soc., for sch'p, Persia, 35 00

OZARK.—Springfield, Calvary Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, India, 50 00

OREGON.—Portland Aux., for zenana work, India, . . 50 00

PHILADELPHIA. — Bethany Ch., Heralds of the Cross, for sch'p, Tungchow, $40; Calvary Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, India, $425; Chambers Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $350; Clinton St., Im-

manuel Aux., $5, S. S., $25 ($30); 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $451 50, Ever Faithful Bd., for child, Canton, $1 ($452 50); 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $120, Early Blossoms, for sch'p, Persia, $20, Star of the East Bd., for orphan, Sidon, $50 ($190); 10th Ch., Ladies, for Miss'y, Mexico, $140 50; Eastburn Aux., $10; Old Pine St. Aux., $29, Miss. Bd. Asso., $12 50, extra fund ($41 50); Walnut St. Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $450, S. S., for sch'p, Beirut, $100 ($550); West Spruce St. Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Chefoo, $412 90, S. S., for work, Chefoo, $100 ($512 90); Woodland Aux., for Miss'y, Africa, $78; Woodside Aux., for 2 sch'ps, Dehra, $120, ...$2640 40

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL.— Central Ch. Aux., $3, Miss M. M. Kirkpatrick, $10 ($13); Cohocksink Aux., for Miss'y, Saharanpur, $64 06, Mrs. Wm. Hogg, for sch., Syria, $75, Misses A. and E. Thomas, for sch., Mexico, $4 ($143 06); Columbia Ave. Aux., for sch., Kolapoor, $40; Green Hill Aux., for Panalla bdg., $14, S. S., for Miss'y, Gaboon, $87 50 ($101 50); Olivet Aux., for nat. tea., Kolapoor, $50, extra fund, $6 40, Olivet Graham Bd., for sch'p, Gaboon, $12 50 ($68 90); Oxford Aux., add'l, $5, ... 371 46

PHILADELPHIA NORTH.— Abington Aux., for chapel, Chenanfoo, $200, Juvenile Miss. Soc., sch'p, Shanghai, $40 ($240); Ann Carmichael's Aux., for Miss'y, $40 60; Bridesburg Aux., for Japan, $11; Bristol Aux. (sch'p, Dehra, $60), $71 65, Basti Bd. (sch'p, Futtehgurh, $30), $48 25 ($119 50); Doylestown Aux., for Miss'y, $100 35, extra fund, $6 ($106 35); Frankford Aux., for China, $35; Germantown, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Japan, $421 50, S. S., $40, Pulaski S. S., for sch'p, Yokohama, $30, Ladies, for sch'p, Yokohama, $30, Willing Workers for Jesus, for sch'p, Yokohama, $30, for Day Home, Mexico, $7, Infant sch., for orphan, Allahabad, $5, Mrs. S. G. Beck, for Mexico, $25 ($585 50); Germantown, 2d Ch. S. S., for sch'p, Dehra, $60; Germantown, Market Sq. Ch., for Miss'y, $37 86, Oroomiah bdg., $75, Mrs. G. W. Toland, for Africa, $25, for Oroomiah bdg., $25 ($162 86); Holmesburg Aux., $18; Jeffersonville Ch., Collins Bd., for boys' sch., Tungchow, $20; Neshaminy of Warminster, for Miss'y, $20; Neshaminy of Warwick, for Miss'y, $14 25, Gen. Fund, $33 ($47 25); Newtown Aux. ($60, sch'p, Dehra), $86 40, Miss Amelia Ewing, for L. M., $25, Mrs. H. D. Steever, for L. M., $25 ($136 40); Norristown, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Dehra, $304 25; Norristown, Central Aux., for Miss'y, $53 85, S. S., for sch'p, Dehra, $12 50, Y. L. Bd., for Miss'y, $10 50 ($76 85); Plumsteadville Aux., $2 60; Pottstown, for work, Mynpurie, $50; Providence Ch., Pastoral Aid Soc., $10; Thompson Mem. Ch., for Miss'y, $35, extra fund, $12 50 ($47 50),$2097 06

PITTSBURGH & ALLEGHENY COM. — Allegheny, North Ch. Aux., add'l, for Miss'y, Dehra, $22; Bakerstown Aux., $25, Rev. Wm. Stewart, $5, Lower Lights, $5 ($35); Lawrenceville Aux., for sch., Mexico, $40; Pittsburg, 1st Aux., add'l, $9, . 106 00

REDSTONE. — Bellevernon Aux. ($7 05, extra fund), $75 30; Dunlap's Creek Aux., for extra fund, $10;

M'Keesport Bd., $25; Mt. Pleasant, Ingleside Bd., $27; Reunion Ch. Aux., $62, Layyah Bd., $30 ($92): Jefferson Aux., $6; Little Redstone Aux., $40; Pleasant Unity Aux., $34 49, Bd., $6 56 ($41 05); Round Hill Aux., for Miss'y, $50, Gen. Fund, $5 ($55); Tyrone Aux., $11; Sewickley Aux., $4 75, Miss'y, Persia, $387 10

ROCHESTER.—Caledonia Aux., sch'p, Kolapoor, $28 65; Groveland Aux., add'l, $3 22; Moscow Aux., $11 45; Ogden Ch. Aux. (sch'p, Shanghai, $40), $59 68, Ellinwood Bd., 2 sch'ps, Corisco, $40 ($99 68); Sparta, 1st Ch., $20; Sweden Aux., for Ningpo, $25; Tuscarora Aux., add'l, $3; Union Corners, Ladies and S. S., $16 70, . . . 206 70

ST. CLAIRSVILLE. — Barnesville Aux., $25; Bcallsville, for Miss'y, Canton, $12; Bellaire Aux., for nat. tea., India, $62; Cambridge Aux., for seh'p, Dehra, $30, Mrs. Wm. Bryant, for extra fund, $1 ($31; Concord Aux. ($50 for Miss'y), $68; Bethel Aux., $24; Freeport, Aux., $6 71; Kirkwood Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $111; Martinsville Aux. (Miss'y, Canton, $22), $30, Miss Clark's class, for L. M., $30, Lilies of tbc Vallay, for Miss'y, $24 50, ($84 50); Morristown Aux., $6 85; New Athens Aux., for Miss'y, China, $18 50, for Petchaburi, $12 25 ($30 75); Powhatan Aux., $9; Scotch Ridge, $13, Miss C. Kelsey, for Miss'y, $5 ($18); Short Creek, $20; St. Clairsville Aux., $50; Wee Gee Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $5 74, . . . 564 55

ST. LAWRENCE. — Brasher Falls Aux., $10; Oxbow, Mrs. and Miss Laidlaw, extra fund, $2; Watertown, 1st Ch. Aux., $10, . 22 00

SHENANGO. — Beaver Falls Aux., nat. tea., Saharanpur, $25, for Miss'y, Canton, $11 15 ($36 15); Darlington Aux., $75; New Castle, 2d Ch. Aux., $28 85; Little Beaver Aux., $12; New Brighton Aux., $11 25, Selma Bd., $8 24 ($19 49); Unity Ch., Willing Workers, $3, ... $174 49

STEUBENVILLE.--Bacon Ridge Aux., for Miss'y, $36 53; Beech Spring, $17; Buchanan Chapel, $18; Cannonshurg, for Miss'y, $21 10; Carrollton, for do., $26; Dennison Aux., for sch., Yokohama, $14 35; East Liverpool Aux., for Miss'y, $25; Kilgore, for do., $9; New Cumberland, for do., $5 50; Harlem Aux., $15; New Hagerstown Aux. ($2, extra fund), $16; New Harrisburg Aux., for Miss'y, $9; Oak Ridge, for do., $6; Pleasant Hill, for do., $10; Steuhenville, 1st Aux., for Miss'y, $29 80, Busy Bees, for ——, $63 09 ($92 89); Old Ch., for Miss'y, $21; Still Fork, for do., $15; Two Ridges, for do., $21 50; Uhricksville Aux., sch., Saharanpur, $15; Waynesburg Aux., sch'p, Bangkok, $20; Wellsville, for Miss'y, $58 20, ... 472 07

SYRACUSE. — Fulton Aux., $31 21; Onondaga Valley Aux., for work, Chefoo, $14; Skaneateles Aux. ($3 75, extra fund), $71 85, Sunbeam Bd., sch'p, Dehra, $60 ($131 85); Syracuse, 4th Ch., Standard Bearers, for sch., Saharanpur, $50; Park Central Aux., $200, S. S., $50 ($250), for Miss'y, Japan, ... 477 06

TENNESSEE SYNODICAL SOC.— Oakland Aux., $8 25; Salem Helps, $4 50; Bethel Aux., $25; Hebron Aux., $14 95; Hopewell, $6 50; Knoxville, 2d Ch. Aux. (extra fund, $7 45), $31 10, Cup Bearers, $9 31 ($40 41); Strawberry Plains, $6;

Westminster, $3 77, all for Miss'y, Japan, . . . $109 38

Washington. — Allen Grove Aux., for Beirut Sem., $25, for Miss'y, trav. exp., $10 ($35); Bethlehem Aux., $15; Claysville, for Miss'y, Tungchow, $50; Cross Creek, $16 21; Forks of Wheeling Aux., for Miss'y, Tungchow, $37 50, Bessie Shaw Bd., $25 ($62 50); Cove Aux., for sch., Panalla, $35 50; Lower Buffalo, for B. R., Canton, $50; Lower Ten Mile, for Training sch., Canton, $21; Mill Creek Aux., for trav. exp., $31 30; Mt. Olivet, for do., $30 60; Mt. Pleasant Aux., $18; Upper Buffalo, for Miss'y, Tungchow, $31 25; Upper Ten Mile, for Miss'y, Siam, $14; Washington, 1st Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $60, Cornes Bd., 3 sch'ps, Mynpuric, $25 ($85); Waynesburg Aux., $27; Wellsburg Aux., for Miss'y, Siam, $17 55, for sch., Canton, $37 45 ($55); West Alexander Aux., $25, S. S., for sch'p, Dehra, $60, Loring Circle, for Beirut, $40, Hold the Fort Bd., for child of Miss'y, $11 50, Rural Mite Soc., for extra fund, $20, Mrs. Yates, for Oroomiah hdg. and 2 L. M.'s, $50 ($206 50); West Union Aux., $20; Wheeling, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, India, $235, Cherith Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $60, Band of Hope, for Miss'y, Siam, $17 52 ($312 52); Wheeling, 3d Aux., for Miss'y, Siam, $6, . . 1122 38

West Jersey. — Gloucester, Miss'y and Benev. Soc., $35; Millville, S. S. Bd., $48; Pitt's Grove Aux., $40; Salem Aux., add'l, $4; Swedeshoro', $5; Woodbury, $36; Woodstown, $13, ... 181 00

Wellsboro'. — Coudersport Aux., $2 33; Elkland, $1 10; Farmington, $6 93; Mansfield, $8 21; Osceola, $2 20; Tioga, $10 67, Mrs. M. Baldwin, $5 ($15 67); Wellsboro', $9 33, for sch'p, Tokio, and sch., Syria, . $50 68

Westminster. — Bellevue Aux., for sch., Saharanpur, $50, Bd., for day sch., Soochow, $22 94 ($72 94); Centre Aux., $16; Chestnut Level Aux., for work, Chefoo, $77; Columbia Aux., for Miss'y, Woodstock, $105; Leacock, Aux., for extra fund, $24; Little Britain ($3 50 extra fund), $33 50, S. S., $5 ($35), for Miss'y, Persia; New Harmony, for Miss'y, Woodstock, $35; Middle Octorara Aux., $20; Pequea, $50; Stewartstown, $57 50; Union Aux., sch., Lahore, $66, extra fund, $11 ($77); York Aux., for Miss'y, Tullahassee, $200, Mite Box of Mrs. McCall's children, for bricks, Oroomiah, $2 ($202), 774 94

West Virginia. — Grafton Aux, ... 9 00

Wooster. — Ashland Aux., $42; Chester, $10; Congress, $23; Jackson, $30; Orange, $10 16; Perrysville, Ladies, $11, S. S., $7 ($18); Plymouth, $20; Polk, $1 50; Savannah, $42; Shreve, $16; Shelby, for pupils, Tungchow, $20; West Salem, $10; Wooster, 1st Aux., $72, Y. L. Bd., $30 ($102); Wooster, Westminster Aux., for extra fund, $5, ... 349 66

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SIAM.

Miss Edna Cole.

Bangkok, January 25, 1879.

. . . Another young lady is greatly needed in Petchaburi to work with the Laos alone. There are a number of villages there in which schools could be opened, but there is no one to do it. I was talking with Mrs. McFarland about them, and she being greatly interested in the Laos and having a little school of her own in one of the villages, which she had to abandon on coming to Bangkok, is very anxious that some one should be sent out to them. It is such a beautiful place to be in, and the work Miss Cort and Miss Coffman are doing is so prosperous, that it would be a grand incentive to work for any one going there, and she would be so happy with these ladies and Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap, and there is so much to be done there. Oh, if you only could send some one! Perhaps you already know that these Laos are prisoners of war, and they feel their yoke very galling; so they keep by themselves as much as possible, and for that reason it is almost impossible to bring the children into a school with the Siamese children. We have all talked about this, and think it would be the means of doing much good if it could be done.

For the last three weeks we have been helping Mr. McFarland in his new school. It was opened informally on the 2d of January with the fifty drafted pupils; there were over one hundred and fifty applicants, but they could not be accommodated. As soon as the buildings which are now in preparation are finished there will be a good large school here. The people are all very enthusiastic and interested, showing that they feel the need of education and are anxious for it. All the pupils study English, and as Mr.

McFarland had only two teachers, we came to help until our boats should come from Chieng Mai. We have enjoyed our work very much, and are quite in love with the Siamese. The boys are active and earnest, and try very hard to get our language. We try to feel quite grand while teaching the little princes and young noblemen, but very soon the grand feelings turn into feelings of thankfulness that we have been permitted to come to this people who are in such darkness. We have seen so much of heathenism since coming here that our hearts are sick and we long for the time when our Lord shall come and claim this kingdom.

Our boats have now come, and we shall be busy during the next few days getting them packed so that we can be comfortable in them on our two months' journey; and will doubtless start this week. Old Nan Inta came with the boats; he was in prison during the last persecution of the Laos converts; his health was greatly impaired, and he has taken this trip to recuperate. How I wish he could step into your meeting some Friday morning, and could tell you what he has suffered for Christ's sake. He is a grand old man, and Mr. McGilvary calls him our "longest living epistle" of the Chieng Mai church. We are very glad he has come, for he will be our teacher going back.

We are almost sorry this long, delightful visit is over; we have enjoyed every moment of it very much, and we know it has been a very instructive one, yet now we are ready and willing to go on to our new home and commence our work. We shall write you while going up the river, and tell you of our primitive way of living.

CHINA.

Mrs. J. M. W. Farnham.

Shanghai, February 21, 1879.

In our day schools there are many nice little children, and we feel that it is a department of the work not to be despised; the worst feature is, the girls are apt to be taken away as soon as they are of an age to be useful; many go to learn embroidery, at which they can make a living. To prevent this we have lately commenced to teach them this art, hoping thus to keep them longer under religious influence. A hopeful work in connection with these schools is visiting the homes of the pupils after school hours are over. This has been carried on to a considerable extent during the past year.

Our afternoon Sabbath-school, in which the pupils of the three day schools with many children of the neighborhood meet, we consider a very hopeful work. In this the pupils of the boarding

schools take a part, helping in the singing and instruction, which is principally oral. Prizes have been given for regular attendance, and the results have been very satisfactory; the average attendance is about one hundred and sixty-four. Four came throughout the year without losing a single session. Twenty-three attended nine months; thirty-eight completed six months. A catechism has been prepared for them, and this with many hymns has been taught them faithfully, and they have recited the great truths of our religion in concert over and over. Wherever they go they can hardly fail to remember them. This school has exerted a mighty influence on the neighborhood, changing the sentiments of the pupils towards us. There are also quite a number of women who attend this service, and while the children go off into other rooms to be taught, these women have been faithfully talked to and instructed in the truth.

Another work in which I have been interested is holding meetings at the houses of different church members. Each house becomes for the time being a little chapel, another centre of light. I only wish I had more time to give to this. I have usually gone with a native assistant, and after he has had a service of singing, prayer, reading, and explaining of Scripture, an opportunity is given for conversation. Though I do not know of any special results from this work, it seems to me very hopeful. Our great, great want is the Holy Spirit, both for ourselves and the Chinese. *For this* I would like to urge all those who are uniting with us in this great work to pray, for without the blessed Spirit whatever we may do is useless.

INDIA.

Mrs. Lucas.

Futtehgurh, January 18, 1879.

. . . One of the saddest things about the people in this part of India is their extreme poverty. The average pay of a common laborer is six cents a day. With this he must feed and clothe himself and family, and often have an aged parent to support. They have only one meal a day, and this is usually made from *chapaties*, a coarse bread made of very coarse flour and water, and baked over the fire. They eat salt two or three times a week, and butter or lard or any kind of grease they never taste more than once a year. Meat they never taste. Since the famine, grain of every kind has been very expensive; is now more than double former prices. Many of the poor are in a starving condition, and many are driven by hunger to commit suicide or to steal. A well-known English physician writing about this poverty of the people

gives the following instances: First of a man who has a wife who is blind from smallpox, and two children to support. He lives near the city, and gets employment in field work, earning three rupees ($1 50) a month during the ploughing season, but less at other times. He says he is always in a state of hunger. He was put into jail for stealing a few handfuls of grain. The second case is that of a woman who had committed suicide by hanging. The testimony in the case showed that her husband, a field laborer, earned about three pounds of coarse grain daily, and that in addition to his wife and child he supported an aged parent. That two or three days before her death she had complained that she did not receive sufficient food, and was suffering from pangs of hunger. The doctor said, after a post-mortem examination, that she was driven to the act by hunger, as there was no sign of organic disease, and no other reason could be given to account for the act.

INDIA.

Miss M. A. Craig.

Dehra Doon, March 3, 1879.

In *Woman's Work* for February there is an article on "Gifts for Girls in India," and the statements in it seem to be regarded at home as equally applicable to girls in all mission schools, which I beg leave to say is a mistake, at least in regard to our school. It is true of girls in orphanages generally, where they all dress alike in coarse blue cotton stuff, sleep on the floor wrapped in black blankets, and sit on the floor at meals and eat with their fingers, that "nothing delights them more than a string of beads, a doll, or a mouth organ." Our girls not being required to live in such a heathenish way have higher tastes and desires, while their dress is "simple, plain, and very becoming" (being a simple skirt and jacket, with perfectly plain underclothing), and not much more expensive in actual money than the coarse blue country cloth, and much *less* expensive, we think it, when we consider that by such a small extra outlay of money, we can do such an amount of good in teaching our girls a degree of self-respect, giving them an idea of and taste for becoming colors, and a regard for decency and propriety in clothing, which does a great deal towards making them self-reliant, intelligent, useful women. . . . If you know of any one wishing to make "gifts to girls in India," I will tell you what our girls would prize most. First, books; pretty story books in bright covers, with pictures; you would see more than fifty pairs of eyes dance with delight over such a gift. Some of the older girls would not care so much for story books as for volumes

of travels or history, such books as D'Aubigne's "Defence of Oliver Cromwell" (this was loaned to them last summer, and how they *did* enjoy it!), Prescott's and Bancroft's Histories, &c. Next come pretty pieces of chintz, light ground with small flowers or leaves; they like that for skirts, and they look pretty in their neat skirts, with no tucks nor frills, nothing but a plain hem. Then little work baskets or boxes with all their appliances; the common baskets and boxes made here are very coarse and clumsy; the better kind are too expensive, and the foreign ones sold in English shops are quite beyond our limited means. A little box or basket, with English thread, needles, and scissors, is a gift always prized. Then for the younger children, dollies with their wardrobe, little sets of dishes, playhouses, Noah's arks, and such toys as please little children at home.

But some one will say, "You do not mean that we should give such things to native children; you should not cultivate such tastes and desires in them, as if they were white like we are." And why not? Did not God send us here to give to the little girls of India some of the light and joy of Christian childhood, to give to as many as we can gather into our fold here the same loving care, the same childish delights and pleasures, which are given so freely to the dear little ones at home? And as they grow older and their minds expand under the daily instruction they are receiving, and their faces begin to beam with intelligence, ought we not to give them the means of increasing their knowledge and intelligence, to let them read and learn what woman has done and is doing in other lands, that they may see what they too may become, and what they may be enabled to do under the influence and by the power of the religion of Jesus? The more they read and know of the lives and actions of the great and good of all ages, the brighter and better will be their own lives; they will be better fitted to be companions for intelligent, educated young men, who are now, all over India, looking for wives who can appreciate something higher than a doll or a string of beads.

PERSIA.

Miss Dean.

Oroomiah, January 13, 1879.

As I recall you all I can scarcely believe there are 8000 miles between us. Can you understand how much my letters are to me? My visit home will last me all the rest of my life. The letters waken so many memories—memories that are very precious. Only for one thing do I wish to be in America again. I am so well

now it seems to me I could be so much more to my friends. But much as I long at times for the dear ones so far away, yet I would not, could not be tempted to be there instead of here. The school is very pleasant, though of course constant discipline is necessary, and sometimes I am very weary of it; but I never enjoyed teaching as much as I do now, and yet the simple teaching is the smallest part of the work.

We have just closed the week of prayer. On Friday we took a special day for religious exercises. It was a very pleasant day to me. Many of the larger girls are praying very earnestly, and we love to watch their growth as Christians. I told them last week that there was much work among the girls that they could do better than we could. During the week we met in the chapel at noon, and in the early evening for a general service. Four schools were there besides the church of the city. The Theological Seminary is near us. The High School and a Primary school, taught by one of our graduates of last year, are also here in the Nestorian quarter of the city. I am very much interested in these other schools, and I have been trying to think that I could take at least one class in the High School, but I fear it will not do. But I do have a children's Sunday-school on Sabbath mornings, which I enjoy exceedingly. Our school girls are the teachers. I go out to a near village after the Sunday-school. In several villages there is very great religious interest, and one very encouraging feature is that so many women are beginning to work for other women. Last Sabbath eight were received into the church in Geog Tapa, and all were women. Mr. Shedd asked why that was so. The preacher said, "Because our women are the best workers and the best Christians." He told me when I was there not long since that he did not think he could do the work required of him as pastor if it were not for the women to help. One hundred and fifty members, one hundred of them women. Twelve women have taken certain parts of the village to visit, and they become responsible for the families of that district that they hear reading and prayer, and be invited to church.

There is a very interesting revival in progress in Geog Tapa now. Oh, can you know how anxious we are for our school girls! When I am talking to them at the opening exercises in the morning, I see in every face a soul to be saved or lost, and not only her soul, but the many others who will in the future as well as now be brought under her influence. Oh, how helpless I feel! I know so well that I cannot reach the heart unless the Spirit accompanies my words. Miss Van Duzee and I often say our only hope and rest is in prayer, and we have felt during this week of prayer that many were remembering us. The responsibility is very great; but

there is something very delightful in being a teacher, and in knowing that your pupils are treasuring up the truths drawn from that never-failing source. Then, too, I love so to talk to the women. Last Sabbath, at Degalla, I selected "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit," &c. It is such a precious thought that we are joint heirs with Christ.

We have had most delightful weather ever since that rain about which I wrote you in my last. We have had one snow storm, and the mountains are white and beautiful. Such bright sunshine all day long, day after day, is most enjoyable, and ought to be health-giving. Just now there is no one sick in the school; but we had constant sickness during the first eight weeks.

MEXICO.

Mrs. H. C. Thomson.

Monterey, February 25, 1879.

Mr. Thomson started to meet Miss Cochran at San Antonio more than a fortnight ago, and in the course of the next ten days we may expect to have them with us. In the meantime I have been setting the house to rights, trying to make everything look its best, so that Miss C. will not be homesick at once. I do not think she will be with such a lovely landscape in front of her windows. The eye never wearies of gazing at the fantastic shapes of the many mountain peaks scattered around us, some with rock-ribbed sides frowning right down upon us, others with their harsh outlines softened by distance, for a moment, in the rays of the rising sun, all flushed with rose color, then a tender gray, and where the shadows lurk, a deep blue. Our trees have just put on their spring robes, while you at home are still frozen up.

I have just been reading an article by the late Livingstone, in which he speaks of "Special Providences towards Missionaries." I think we can add our testimony to his. Of late years how often has my husband's life been in manifest peril! More than once he has looked forth on a surging sea of maddened creatures, ready to tear him limb from limb, almost succeeding in forcing an entrance into the house, even cutting a large hole in the door, but just then held back by the unseen hand of their Maker. He has travelled on horseback many hundred miles over robber-infested roads, with a single companion; he has preached in ranches to crowds of such rough reputation that native friends begged him not to attempt, yet not a hair of his head has been touched. One native preacher could also say a word on the same subject, after ten years spent in constant travelling, in times of revolution and religious intolerance,

once being carried off by robbers to their den, but released on their learning his business. "God's hand is not shortened." He can as easily surround his messengers now, poor and feeble as they are, with heavenly hosts as in the days of old. I do not think that many missionaries consider that they are making sacrifices in going to strange peoples and lands; they feel that they are honored instruments, and that their office is the greatest and noblest in the world.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

Mrs. Robertson.

Tullahassee, February 24, 1879.

[Our dear Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson we can almost say has labored for the Indians all her life, her father going to the Cherokees shortly after her birth. She received her appointment from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1846.]

I have begun work on the proof of Acts, and have gone once over all previously printed by the Bible Society for us, and some seven or eight chapters the second time. It is only by seizing every moment that seems available for it that I can do this, but I am very glad to do even so small a work in this line. How I would like to have had the friends of our mission hear and understand what was said the other day by the Rev. Wesley Smith, one of our native Baptist ministers, on our giving the proof sheets of a few of the first chapters of Acts It was expressive of his joy that we were going on with the work of giving them the Bible, and telling how much they needed the *whole* Bible, so as to prove to opposers from it the truth of what they said were the teachings of God's Word. And then the satisfaction with which a friend with him told of the Christians having the whole Bible to carry around with them seemed a strong seconding to the expressed wish of the other.

God has recently sent a heavy blow upon us in taking from us and the nation Miss K. K. Winstett. We had hoped to welcome her back to our work here after another year in the Fulton Female College, for she showed a remarkable fitness for giving us the help we so much need. But God had other designs, and "He doeth all things well." Just now we are again compelled to walk more emphatically by faith, for Miss Irwin's strength has failed, and she goes home for rest, at least, and may not return; while one of our former pupils, who was giving us much assistance, is almost helpless with inflammatory rheumatism. But our Father holds all in His

hands, and knows exactly how to carry on His work. If it were *our* work, and to be carried on by our wisdom and strength, we might well despair.

Our school goes on, on the whole, *very* pleasantly. We are remarkably favored in our teachers, and we have constant reason for gratitude that the influence of many of our older scholars is Christian.

Home.

THE MEETING AT TOLEDO.

By Mattie P. Halsey.

The warm spring sunshine streaming through the windows of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Toledo, Ohio, illumined a scene already bright with flowers, and beaming with expressive faces. Six hundred women, wearing the white badge of the Woman's Board, were there gathered together, from all parts of the Northwest, testifying by their presence to their interest in missions. For many days busy hands and kindly hearts had been at work preparing for the reception of the delegates, and never has the Board of the Northwest been more warmly welcomed and more royally entertained than by the citizens of Toledo. All denominations vied with each other in graceful attentions to the strangers, whose only claim upon their hospitality was that they were there in the name of their common Lord and Master. It is difficult to single out from two closely crowded days, and present in a brief article, the most salient points of interest. A passing glance can only be given to what seemed to the writer the most striking features of the programme.

The opening prayer, by Mrs. Harvie, of Canada, struck the keynote of the meeting. As the eloquent tones of her voice, with its deep cadences, fell in benediction on the air, each listening heart thrilled with the earnestness of her petition. Consecration was its theme, thorough, entire. As it inspired each word of the opening invocation, so it rang through every sentence of the closing address by Mrs. Douglass. "Forgetting—reaching forward," was the appropriate subject chosen by her, and placed the cap-sheaf

upon a stack of golden grain. The thoughts it suggested, of responsibility to God, will not soon pass away, but will doubtless bring forth precious fruit during the coming year. The addresses of welcome and response were eloquent with Christian feeling, and were followed by the annual address of the President. This was remarkable for its grasp of thought and comprehensive knowledge of the whole subject of missions. It was listened to with the closest attention. No one grew weary. Its necessary statistics were so interwoven with picturesque descriptions, gleams of humor, impressive quotations, and convincing argument, that even figures, generally allowed to be dry, were made attractive.

The appearance of Mrs. Dr. Humphrey, who brought the greetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia, was hailed with enthusiasm. She emphatically negatived Mrs. Hoge's declaration that introducing Mrs. Humphrey to the women of the Northwest was like introducing General Sherman to his soldiers, and in a few earnest practical words, that went home to the heart of every listener, showed the responsibility of each individual woman for the duties of her place. Mrs. Alden, so well known by her pretty and appropriate soubriquet of Pansy, struck a responsive chord in the hearts of her audience by her missionary story of "The Mother at Home." To those of us who have treasured her books in our heart of hearts, it was a pleasure to look upon her face and catch the expressive glance of her eye. The addresses of Mrs. Rhea and Miss Rankin called out in the evening an immense audience, every seat in the large and beautiful Congregational Church being occupied. These two representative missionary women had a grand opportunity that night to speak for their Master, and improved it to the utmost. The magnetic sympathy awakened by Mrs. Rhea's enthusiasm, vivid word painting, and irresistible appeals, was deepened to conviction by Miss Rankin's calm and convincing logic of facts.

The influence of the early prayer meeting was seen throughout the proceedings of the second day. All felt it was good to have been there. Passing by the State and Presbyterial Reports, all interesting, a most attractive feature of the morning's programme was the address of Mrs. Nicholas, of Nebraska, on "The needs of the Far West." Although the morning session had been long, and the audience was growing weary, the opening sentence, spoken with a clear ringing voice and distinct articulation, caught and riveted the attention. It was an earnest practical appeal to the women of the church to widen their sympathies and take the whole world in. An interesting scene was witnessed in the afternoon, when a voluntary contribution of over three hundred dollars was sent up to the platform from all parts of the house. So rapidly

did the bills and coin pass up that it took two ladies to receive and hand them to Mrs. Hoge.

No one wished to shorten this scene, although the young ladies of the Model Missionary Meeting were patiently awaiting the signal for their appearance. The stream of money ceasing to flow, Mrs. Doolittle showed how a missionary society can be made interesting to young ladies. It was a beautiful exhibition and object lesson, and did great credit to the lady whose taste and untiring energy had devised and carried out so elaborate a programme. During its progress, a young lady of Toledo delivered with fine effect a poem, written by Mrs. Sherwood, of Toledo, for the occasion. The officers of the Board will know where to look for fresh material when the time comes to widen their ranks. Mrs. Hurd, well known to the readers of the *Interior* by the name of Squid Scotch, read a very interesting paper on the Power of the Littles. It was suggestive, practical, and spicy. Her attentive hearers emphatically endorsed every word she said, as to the power and charm of the littles in woman's kingdom—the home circle. Mrs. Perine's paper on "Feed my Lambs" proved its author to be possessed of the rare faculty of knowing how to attract and fix the attention of the little ones. Her infant class in Nebraska must be a model in every respect. Mrs. Stewart's farewell address was beautiful and tender, forming a fitting prelude to the communion service which soon followed.

This new and impressive feature of the annual meeting of the "Woman's Board of the Northwest" was adopted at the suggestion of Mrs. Edson, of Indianapolis. Rev. Mr. Whipple, of Persia, Rev. Mr. Leyenberger, of China, and the ministers of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, of Toledo, officiated. This gathering at the table of the Lord was followed by a social reunion in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church. So closed a meeting whose memory will long remain a green spot in the soul, a meeting the influence of which will permeate every missionary society in the far-reaching boundaries of the great Northwest.

"CHRYSOSTOM advises to keep a box for charities in the place where one usually prays, and always begin the devotions by a gift to the needy."

If Christians followed this advice, and *daily*, as they prayed "Thy kingdom come," dropped such gifts into the treasury as proved the honesty of their prayers, would all our Mission Boards be so harassed for means to send the gospel to all the destitute who are asking for it throughout the world? "Lord, let thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." S. S. B.

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Freeport, Ill., 3d Ch. Band.
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Indianapolis, Ind., 11th Church.
Joy, Ill.
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